

WELCOME I.D.L.A. STAFF

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Department of Human Rights



We are pleased to welcome our two VISTA volunteers: Carolina Manjarrez and Heather Stanley. They have committed themselves for a year to assist the Division of Latino Affairs to better serve the Latino community in Iowa. We also welcome Oliva Orozco, an Iowa State student, who is fulfilling an internship with the agency until December.

My name is Carolina Manjarrez. I am from the apple kingdom of the USA: Yakima, WA. I graduated from Whitworth University in Spokane, WA with a degree in biology and I was a Multicultural Diversity Advocate Student Leader. I love languages, travel, culture, sports and reading. I love plants! I studied in Spain. I have traveled all over Europe, and have participated in mission trips to Latin America. I had an internship at Carlsbad Caverns National Park through the Student Conservation Association. During my internship, I worked and lived in the Chihuahuan Desert! It was so cool! I lead tours and got to work with bats! I have worked with special needs children and it was an AMAZING!!! experience. Now, I am excited to be a



My name is Heather Stanley. I grew up in Nevada, Iowa, and attended Iowa State University, where I double-majored in English (emphasis in Rhetoric and Professional Communication) and Spanish. During my college career, I studied abroad in Spain and completed a communications internship in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. After graduating from college, I moved to Des Moines. I worked for about a year in bilingual customer service, and then worked for about two and a half years as a technical writer. In that position, I wrote and edited web content, announcements, manuals, etc. Last year, I worked with a non-profit organization in Mexico City. I taught English and assisted with courses and events at a church there. It was an incredible experience that solidified my deep appreciation for Latin America and gave me the desire to serve Latinos here in Iowa.

My name is Oliva Orozco. I am from Clear Lake, Iowa. I am currently enrolled as a senior at Iowa State University majoring in Child, Adult and Family Services. I am looking forward to graduating in December this year. I am very excited to be working here and I am hoping to gain as much knowledge as I can. I want to be able to help people excel at what ever they put their mind to.



Feel free to contact Carolina, Heather and Oliva or stop by for a visit anytime.